



Few remember the old iron fountain that stood for a time in the intersection of University and Center. It was constructed in 1917 at the time the city streets were paved. Courtesy of Provo Daily Herald and John W. Bun Taylor. Facing page: the laying of the Maeser cornerstone.

times — sometimes closing and failing, especially during hard times — by 1910, under the hand of Mr. Thomas Pierpont, it was finally shipping machinery to all parts of the world. Perhaps one of the most significant efforts of the Provo Foundry and Machine Company was its placement of a big iron fountain in the intersection of University and Center Street, a monument now visible only in some of Provo's early photographs.⁷ Another foundry, the Sun Foundry, also did business during these years.

During this period the Utah Valley Iron and



However, although he gave lectures and wrote many newspaper articles to stimulate investments, money for the industry was difficult to come by. As a result, Mr. Noon's projects failed. However, when in 1910 a Mr. L. F. Rains from Salt Lake City saw the same possibility of metal production that Mr. Noon had seen, Rains was so enthusiastic he went to California to get money. He met with more success. Soon he laid the foundation for what was later to become the Columbia Steel Corporation at Ironton.⁸

Other businesses during this time flourished. Taylor Brothers department store, Tri-State Lumber